

September Meeting of the Dunn County Beekeepers

9/9/2013

Meeting Began 7:03PM

Introduction of new Officers:

Klaus Bauer- President
Paul Will- Vice President
Scott Weber- Secretary
Cindy Steif- Treasurer

Secretarys report given, motion made and accepted

Treasurers report given, motion made and accepted

Old Business

Discussion of ad in Country Today was shown

Ringneck ralley is this Saturday between 10-3

Who will be there? Don & Duane

Due to our guest speaker being present, we decided to have her speak right away.

New Business

Speaker on Bee Stings

- Jen Bauer made arrangements and introduced.
- Desiree Philips-Physicians Assistant came to talk about bee stings, allergies and their treatment
- vast majority of people have a localized reaction (hives)
- possible treatments include cold compresses, antihistamines,
- benedryl, clariton

- if there is a more significant a large local reaction (size of small pancake)...may want to see doctor where an anti-inflammatory

- For a more serious anaphylactic reaction watch for symptoms happens fast, within 15 minutes...pulmonary arrest can happen....swelling, constricting, ...epicene is most common....pricey \$300 for two pack.

- A person can have a serious reaction at any time.

- a person who has an anaphylactic reaction has a 60% higher chance of having another serious reaction with future stings
- EpiPenryn-relatively safe, but needs to be used as directed. More is not better, it can have serious side effects.
- EpiPens should be kept at room temperature, not in your glove box
- What happens if you have a mid-range reaction? As long as you have are not having trouble breathing, follow treatment of localized reaction. May need antibiotics if infected.
- Desiree was not familiar with any 'wives tale' remedies such as applying vinegar to the sting, etc.
- Bee and wasp venoms are different by breeds. So reactions can all be different

Inquiry of the Menomonie Public Library

- Scott mentioned that he was approached by Debbie Nelson at the Menomonie Public Library about having a beekeeper as a guest speaker during the school district in-service days when the library has special programming.
- Potential dates are the in-service dates in October and in May.
- It was said that the May date would be best
- Scott will contact Deb for her opinion.
- Dave is willing to do it as he did it before
- Scott offered to help

Email Lists of Club Members

- We have three email lists
- We need to cross reference all lists to make a master list
- At the February meeting, collect current names addresses ...add this information to the class sign up.

Review of Zone Ordinance

- Mary Lotten spoke about the ordinance. Recapped her experience with the Dunn Cty Planning and Development meeting.
- Paul and Dan worked with Cleo in developing language for creating the ordinance.
- Mary went over the proposed ordinance and read the letter she drafted for the board.
- Mary formally thanked Paul and Dan for their work in this process
- Mary will be representing DCB tomorrow...any others are invited.
- Klaus thanked Mary for her work and research.
- keep in mind at the bee keeping class that class participants should check on their township ordinances

Beekeeping Class-preparation

- We have the date for the 7th annual Introduction to Beekeeping class-January 25, 2013
- Klaus wants us to realize how fast it will come and what do we want to do to prepare? Any changes, additional information that needs to added
- We can't get the book anymore through our usual provider
- Scott will count how many books we have.....it is thought we bought enough for the coming class last time.
- the fee for the class is \$48 with different charges for students, scouts
- Keep the price the same to keep added interest.
- Do we want to contact local 4H clubs to get them more involved? FFA? Scouts? It seems there is already some level of communication with these groups, but do we want to do more?
- We limited the class to 50 people last year, same number this year
- Dave has the list of fair sign ups....Klaus recommends that we contact them to see if there's continued interest?
- Extension news releases in Country Today...speak to Michelle about this if interested

- Dave thinks there is going to be a bubble in the class attendance....it has happened before and thinks it may level off again.
- Send out the registration when? After Christmas? After Thanksgiving?
- call on catalogs? any freebees? free bee brushes?
- It was suggested that maybe a complete new hive setup to show the class participants would be a good learning tool
- FOOD- getting sandwiches from someplace in town? Do members need to bring as much food?
- spiral bound books- Cindy will make them again.
- The First Lessons in Beekeeping- Do we change the book? Backyard Beekeeper? Essentials to Beekeeping
- Suggestion for next meeting- if anybody has a book that they like, bring it to see if we have any interest in changing.
- At the next meeting we set up committees for curriculum, hands-on activities, food, and a list of people willing to be mentors. Go thru the old book and make changes.

Other

Klaus made an appeal that anybody is welcome to speak at any meeting or bring any topic to the meeting.

Hive reports

Meeting was called to adjourn